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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

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European Search Report dated May 29, 2001.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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All of the documents identified on the accompanying PTO 1449 are mentioned in the accompanying European Search Report dated May 29, 2001. The relevancy of each document is evident from the Search Report.

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STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

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